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1. Col. White and I met with Sen. Byrd and his assistant, Mr. Menefee, to brief the Senator on the current status of the proposed CIA building. The Senator expressed interest in the number of building in which we were presently located and the number of our employees, and appeared from his comments to be thoroughly sympathetic to our needs. He stated that he was glad that we had given up on the Langley site as he felt that there was a general feeling in Northern Virginia that the Federal Government had sufficient property and installations in that area. He thought, however, that if we were to move to Virginia the site suggested by the Alexandria delegation (Winkler property) would be the most suitable. He pointed out, however, that even this might present a traffic problem with Shirley Highway overburdened at peak periods. Sen. Byrd then told us on an "in-the-room" basis that in his opinion our needs would best be met by locating in the District itself. However, he stated that as Virginia's Senator he would not wish to be quoted on this. Sen. Byrd ended the meeting on a note of complete cooperation and any assistance he could give us which we might want.

2. Mr. Furnas, of the R Area of the Department of State, has explored informally the problem of whether it will be necessary to include on visa applications questions as to whether an alien had received any training or assignment in foreign espionage organizations, if H. R. 3882 requiring registration of such information is passed by the Congress. Mr. Furnas informed me that the Department feels that they must be guided in this matter largely by the views of the Department of Justice, and that we would explore the problem with the latter.

3. I have informed Mr. Darden, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Mr. Smart, Chief Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee that the Military Public Works bill will contain the authorization for a CIA building in the amount of \$56,000,000. Both appreciated the advance warning. I have also briefed Mr. Darden as to the location of our money for acquisition [REDACTED], and will brief Mr. Smart in detail in person.

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4. I discussed with Mr. Foley, of the Department of Justice, the possibility that there would be no further need for Sec. 3(c) in H. R. 3882 which involves exemption from registration of persons who had made a full disclosure to the Government of their knowledge of or assignment in the espionage service of a foreign government or party, in view of the fact that the proposed Sec. 3(d) was broader and would appear to accomplish everything accomplished by 3(c), which is a re-enactment of a section of the Internal Security Act presently on the books. After discussion with his technicians, Mr. Foley stated that it was the Department's position that 3(c) made a valuable contribution in securing full disclosure of such information and in negotiating with recalcitrants, and that therefore they are anxious to maintain the section on the books and add 3(d) to it.

In connection with the possibility of broadening the exemption in 3(i) for members of NATO armed forces brought to the United States for training purposes at the request of any military department to read "at the request of any department or agency", Mr. Foley gave as his opinion that this would so broaden the exemption as to increase Senate opposition to the bill. As such opposition is already considerable and led to the blocking of the bill last year, Mr. Foley said that the Department of Justice would hope that we would not seek to broaden it and thus jeopardize the legislation. I told him that I felt we would be guided by his views in this matter.

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